

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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FOR: **ACCESS OPENING CLOSURE DEVICE**  
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**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) TO ACCEPT AN  
UNINTENTIONAL DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

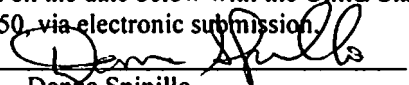
Applicant hereby petitions for the benefit of earlier filed U.S. application Serial No. 09/369,366 ("the '366 application") which was filed August 6, 1999. The entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due and the date this claim for priority was filed was unintentional. Submitted with this petition is a Request For Certificate of Correction, the Certificate of Correction including the reference to the '366 application required under 35 U.S.C. §120, and an Amendment After Issuance amending the specification to include the reference to the '366 application.

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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.6(a)(4)**

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The petition fee forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t) as required under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2) of \$ 1410.00 was previously submitted with the petition as originally filed on May 7, 2012.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or §1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account 50-2140.

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